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National Park Service Recognizes Geoscience Partners

COLORADO— On November 8, at the Geological Society of America annual meeting in Denver, the National Park Service's Geoscientists-in-the-Parks (GIP) Program will be presenting awards to three geoscience organizations for their continued support in bringing expertise to national parks.

Over an eight-year period, these three organizations, the Geological Society of America (GSA), the Association for Women Geoscientists (AWG) and the American Geological Institute (AGI), provided funding and other contributions to help the NPS geoscience program address three major challenges. These challenges involve increasing the number of students pursuing geoscience careers, helping the American public understand geoscience, and providing a means for a growing number of retiring geoscientists to contribute their expertise to society.

GSA helped NPS place students, professionals and retired professionals in parks to address key resource and education needs. AWG helped place professional women in sabbatical positions to address complex issues. AGI improved communications between NPS and many geoscience organizations, which has helped to address challenges facing parks and the geology community at large.

The combination of direct and in-kind contributions of these partners and their members has been valued at more than \$4 million. The NPS also is seeing enthusiastic growth in the public's interest in geoscience because of the assistance of these organizations in strengthening park interpretation programs.

For more information about the NPS Geoscientists-in-the-Parks Program and specifics about the contributions of these three geoscience organizations to parks around the country, please contact Judy Geniac at 303/969-2015. Additional information also is available at:
<http://www2.nature.nps.gov/geology/gip/>

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Dr. Jack Hess, Executive Director, Geological Society of America;
Dr. Helen Delano, President and Dr. Marguerite Toscano, Geologists-in-the-Parks Lead and Gaea Editor, Association for Women Geoscientists.
(Presidents of AGI's 43 member societies will also be present.)

When: November 8, 2004, at 8:10 a.m.

Where: Denver I-III Ballrooms, Marriott City Center Hotel, Denver, Colorado

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Editor's Note: The awards also will be highlighted at AGI's "Friends of AGI Awards Reception" (November 9, 2004, 6:30-7:00 p.m., at the Colorado E Ballroom, Marriott City Center Hotel, Denver, Colorado)

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